



MID-COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

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Council President Craig Rice  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland

Subject: Public Comments on Regulations for MCPS Child Care Providers

Dear President Rice,

The Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) requests an extension in the time allotted for public comment on proposed regulations for Montgomery County Public School child care providers. The current schedule calls for a County Council public hearing on the matter on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Given that the proposed regulations were just released less than a week ago, on Thursday October 16, the schedule provides insufficient notice of this hearing and insufficient time to obtain well considered public comment on a matter that MCCAB believes will have a significant impact on many families in the County.

This evening was the first time many members of our Board learned of this week's public hearing, and the Boardmembers do not believe that this matter has been sufficiently called to the attention of those in their communities who have a significant interest in the matter. MCCAB does not recommend canceling Thursday's meeting, but rather recommends that at least two additional public hearings be held on this matter over the course of the next month. Additionally, MCCAB recommends that written comments be accepted on the matter at least through early December. We believe that this additional time is necessary to gather the valuable input from the families who will be directly affected by any County decisions on the matter.

Sincerely,

Kieran McHargue, Chair

Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board